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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 24th March, 1958:—

BILL No. 28 OF 1958

A Bill further to amend the Indian Oaths Act, 1873.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Indian Oaths (Amendment) Act, 1958. Short title.

10 of 1873.

2. Section 16 of the Indian Oaths Act, 1873, shall be omitted.

Omission of
section 16.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

All full time Government servants in civil employ are required to take an oath of allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established and the taking of the oath is one of the terms of their appointment. This practice of administering oath to new entrants to Government service has been in vogue ever since the attainment of independence in August, 1947. Section 16 of the Indian Oaths Act, 1873, however, provides that no person appointed to any office shall, before entering on the execution of the duties of his office, be required to make any oath, or to make or subscribe any affirmation or declaration whatever. It is, therefore, proposed to repeal the section.

R. M. HAJARNAVIS.

NEW DELHI;

The 11th March, 1958.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.

